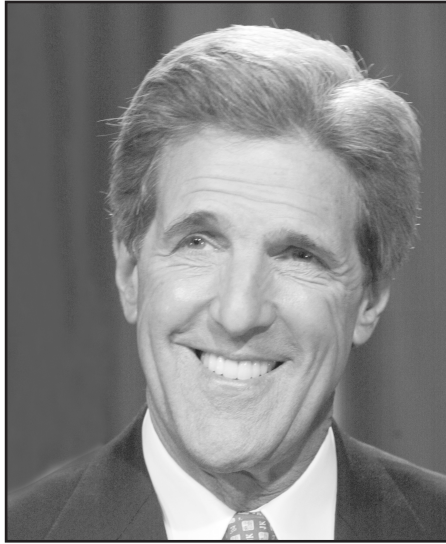


United States President

John F. Kerry, Democrat



OTHER:

John F. Kerry was born on December 11, 1943 at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Colorado. His father volunteered as a test pilot during World War II. His mother was a lifelong community activist.

Upon graduating from Yale, John Kerry volunteered to serve in Vietnam. He served two tours of duty. On his second tour, he volunteered to serve on a Swift Boat in the river deltas. His leadership and courage earned him a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts.

John Kerry was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts in 1982 where he organized the nation's Governors to combat acid rain. Two years later, he was elected to the United States Senate. He has served 19 years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and as chairman of the Senate Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, he worked closely with John McCain to learn the truth about American soldiers missing in Vietnam.

STATEMENT:

John Kerry is running to make America stronger at home and more respected in the world. He will stand up for the values that have always made America great: faith and family, strength and service, responsibility and opportunity for all. He has a plan to create good-paying jobs at home and keep them here. A plan to let families get ahead in an America where the middle class is growing, not being squeezed and to make health care a right for all Americans. He has a plan to make this nation independent from Middle East oil. John Kerry believes that we must modernize and strengthen America's military, defeat global terrorism, and lead a new era of alliances - so young Americans are never put in harm's way because we insisted on going it alone.

John Kerry wants to build an America that fulfills our promise as a people and a nation but today, this administration says this is the best economy of our lifetime. They say this is the best we can do. They have even called us pessimists. Well, as John Kerry says, the most pessimistic thing you can say is that America cannot do better. John Kerry believes we are a country of the future. We are a country of optimists. We are the can-do people. And we just need to believe in ourselves. We can let America be America again.

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